

Sermon Title:

"God's Plan For Our Giving"

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Sermon Text:

I Corinthians 16:1-4

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Introduction:

- *In this text we discover three principles that are inherent in God's plan for our giving:*

I. Giving Should Be _____ (16:2a)

- *The relationship between _____ and _____ is unmistakable!*
- The Bible makes it clear that believers are to give on a _____, _____, _____ basis.

The phrase "on the first day of every week" implies that there is to be a _____, a _____, a _____ on the part of the individual believer in the matter of giving to the Lord!

- The bottom line is that our giving to the Lord should be a _____, premeditated, _____, prearranged aspect of our Sunday to Sunday worship experience!
- *We must be _____ and _____ about setting money aside for the Lord.*

II. Giving Should Be _____ (16:2b)

- Giving to the Lord is a regular, habitual _____ of _____ Christians of all times.
- *As believers, none of us is exempt or excused from giving to the Lord. In other words, giving is wonderfully _____!*

"As parents, we have a responsibility to help our children learn when they're very small how to give back to the Lord a portion of what they have received."

"every week . . . each one of you"

- This whole discussion is really about our spiritual _____ and _____.
- *The bottom line is that giving is not just a _____; instead God expects each one of us to be givers!*

III. Giving Should Be (16:2c)

“On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income.” (NIV)

- The phrase, **“put aside and save”** literally means “to _____ putting aside and _____ saving.”

“The whole idea of laying something aside and storing it up clearly indicates that we are to come to church with our gift already prepared.”

- Each week, every one should make a thoughtful determination before the Lord as to his or her stewardship in the matter of giving.
- **II Corinthians 9:7**
- The phrase **“as he may prosper,”** tells us _____ we are to give. It speaks of giving that is in _____ to God’s _____.
- **I Chronicles 29:12-14; Proverbs 10:4, 22**

“Our prosperity and success are from God and not from ourselves; and therefore, He is to be acknowledged _____ and honored _____!”

- **II Corinthians 8:12**
- **Never _____ giving generously to the Lord!** (Proverbs 11:24)
- **“that there be no collection when I come”** means that Paul didn’t want to _____ anyone! (II Corinthians 9:7)

Conclusion:

- **If this text of scripture teaches us anything at all, it teaches us that . . .**
 - ✓ *Giving is a matter of* _____
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Caution: 1) **Never put off _____!**

2) **Partial obedience is _____!**